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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - The Armstrong Atlantic State University men's basketball team reached the century mark to highlight the first day of action in the 2010 Hampton Inn & Suites Fall Finals Classic on Friday at Alumni Arena. The Pirates claimed a 100-66 win over Hiwassee in the final game of the day.

Armstrong (4-2) shot 54.9 percent from the floor in claiming the win over the Tigers (2-7), reaching 100+ points for the first time since a 125-43 win over Temple Baptist on Nov. 29, 2008. The Pirates built a 54-22 lead at halftime, hitting two-thirds of their shots from the floor before intermission - 22-of-33 - while hitting six of 11 threes.

"After our tough early schedule, we had a long time off and it's good to get back out there and play against somebody else besides ourselves," Armstrong head coach Jeremy Luther said.

**Tray Bryant**, making his Pirate debut, hit 11-of-14 shots from the floor en route to a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds, leading a quartet of Pirates in double figures. Grant Domsic hit 5-of-8 three-pointers en route to 17 points off the bench, while Chris Vanlandingham returned to the Pirate lineup with 14 points and Jesse Wheeler added 12 points.

"Tray's going to be a good addition for us," Luther said. "He had a lot to do both on and off the court in order to play for the team, but he did it and it was good to see him play well tonight."

Hiwassee was led by Adrian McLaurin's 23 points and Zack Williams' double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Mount Olive (4-3) hit 15-of-31 shots from three-point range, including 8-of-13 after intermission, to claim an 86-66 win over the Armstrong Atlantic State University women's basketball team, halting the Lady Pirates' three-game win streak.

Jasmine Whitby led all players on the day with 26 points, while Shequanta McGee was perfect on the day en route to 25 points, hitting 9-of-9 shots from the floor, including 6-of-6 three-pointers. Armstrong (5-3) was led by Brooke Long's career-high 24 points, while Jazmin Walker added 16 points and seven assists while Mauri Wells notched a double-double with 13

points and 13 rebounds.

"I don't think we defended very well," Armstrong head women's basketball coach Matt Schmidt said. "They shot the ball the best they have all year long, especially in the second half. I felt that we executed well during the first 20 minutes of the game, but just fell apart in the second 20."

In the day's first contest, Anderson (5-2) scored the last seven points of the contest to notch a 58-50 victory over Columbus State (5-3) in women's action. CSU's Baleigh Coley canned a three-pointer with 1:44 remaining to bring the score to within one, 51-50, but the Trojans hit 7-of-8 free throws and held the Cougars to 0-for-5 from the field in the last minute and a half to claim the victory.

Alexa Neal led all players for Anderson with 23 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor and 7-of-8 from the free throw line. Ashley Abed added 12 points and 11 rebounds as well for the Trojans. Columbus State was led by Dominique Gilbert's 14 points and 12 rebounds as well as Tandria Milton's 12 points.

The first men's game of the day saw Valdosta State (9-2) claim its sixth straight win with a 90-84 victory over Brewton-Parker (1-7). Kevin Harris led a quartet of Blazers in the win with 20 points, while Savannah native Josh Sparks added 16 points and three blocked shots off the bench in front of his hometown crowd. Will Alston added 13 points and Martrez Scott collected 12 points.

Brewton Parker was led by Delano Howard's game-high 24 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the floor, including a stellar 7-of-8 shooting from beyond the arc. Gerald Kohn added 16 points and Dontae Fedrick chipped in 15.

Play concludes in the 2010 Hampton Inn & Suites Fall Finals Classic on Saturday with four games. Columbus State's women faces the red hot shooting Mount Olive squad at 1:00 p.m., with Hiwassee taking on Valdosta State in men's action at 3:00 p.m. The Armstrong women will look to rebound against Anderson at 6:00 p.m. and the Pirate men will host Brewton-Parker at 8:00 p.m. to wrap up the Classic.



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